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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMOCO'S SEISMIC WORK IN GULF

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REF: A) CAIRO 16680; B) CAIRO 16462; C) TEL AVIV 8090

1. DEPARTMENT'S PLOTTING OF NEW COORDINATES PROVIDED BY AMOCO (REF B) COINCIDES WITH READING OF GOI (REF C), I.E., THAT NORTHEAST CORNER POINT IS INDEED EAST, REPEAT, EAST, OF MEDIAN LINE. WE ALSO FIND THAT ISRAELI-PROPOSED NEW NE CORNER POINT LIES DIRECTLY ON MEDIAN LINE, AS STATED BY GOI. ON ASSUMPTION WE ARE ALL WORKING FROM SAME MAP, I.E., MAP PROVIDED BY ISRAELIS DURING SEPTEMBER MEETING IN WASHINGTON, IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY AMOCO CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN (REF A) THAT NE CORNER POINT IS WEST, REPEAT, WEST OF LINE. EVEN EMPLOYING THE INDEPENDENT RECKONING OF MEDIAN LINE THAT AMOCO WAS USING BEFORE WE OBTAINED ISRAELI MAP, POINT IN QUESTION WOULD BE CLEARLY EAST OF LINE.

2. FOR CAIRO: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY
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BASIS FOR AMOCO'S CONTRARY CARTOGRAPHIC CONCLUSIONS.

3. FOR TEL AVIV: WE NOTE THAT EMBASSY'S INITIAL PLOTTING
FOUND NE POINT TO BE SQUARELY ON ISRAELI MEDIAN LINE

(TA 8085) AND WONDER IF PERHAPS EMBASSY WAS USING DIFFERENT
VERSION OF MAP. KISSINGER

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